

## RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

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Wyoming Board of Agriculture Minutes  
January 5, 2005  
Conference Call

Members Present: Alan Todd, President  
Helen Jones, Vice President  
Arlene Brown  
Spencer Ellis  
Lee Otto  
Meghan Lally  
John Etchepare, Director, WY Dept. of Agriculture  
Frank Galey, Dean, UW College of Agriculture

Youth Leadership Advisory: Ryan Ells  
David Largent

Members Absent: Reed Gardner  
Ryan Lance, Governor Freudenthal's Office  
Emily Horton  
Leif Udem

WDA Staff Present: Jim Schwartz, Deputy Director  
Muff Parker, Recording Secretary  
Roy Reichenbach  
Karen Everett  
Hank Uhden

Guests: Gil Weibel  
Russ Zimmer

The meeting was called to order by President Todd at 7:00 a.m. on January 5, 2005.

### **Seed Lab Rules**

Hank explained to the Board that the seed lab in Powell has been operating under emergency rules. Although the final rules are in the process, they will not be final before the emergency rules expire. The Board would need to approve the extension of the emergency rules for another 120 days to allow for there to not be a period of time where the lab would be operating without pricing rules in place. **Jones moved to extend the emergency rules for another 120 days. Ellis seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

### **Issues**

Jones expressed the concerns she is hearing about the premature press releases of possible BSE cases and inquiries as to when and if the boarders will be opened up for trade. Discussion followed and the Board decided to have the department draft letters to be sent to the Wyoming congressional delegation to ask for their help in getting those premature press

releases stopped, explaining the damage being done to the industry in Wyoming and the need to close the boarders. Todd also felt a similar letter should be sent to consumer groups. They are going to check with RCALF and J. Reese to see what groups they are working with. Largent said most of the concerns are addressed in the minimum risk rule. He doesn't feel they addressed the damage to producers. He suggested the members call local groups and visit about the concerns. Etchepare said he would be taking those concerns to Washing DC in February when he goes back to NASDA. He also suggested the letter be sent to the news media. The board agreed.

The Beef Council will be having a meeting on January 13 at 9 a.m. to discuss the proposed bill regarding the Wyoming beef check-off/refund. The purposed is to have something in place for Wyoming if the Beef Check-off Program is cancelled.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alan Todd, President

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